

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1192  
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tennessee Technological University upon winning a Commitment Award from the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those institutions of higher education of this State that receive awards for excellence in planning for and carrying out their stated mission, serving as models for their sister institutions; and

WHEREAS, the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education of Tennessee Technological University (TTU) in Cookeville recently received a Commitment Award from the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE); the Commitment Level is awarded to organizations that implement quality management principles and both document and implement solid plans and procedures; and

WHEREAS, established in 1993 and formerly known as the Tennessee Quality Award, TNCPE promotes the understanding and use of the Criteria for Performance Excellence; TNCPE Awards are open to all businesses as well as public and private educational institutions, government agencies, and other non-profit groups; and

WHEREAS, TNCPE's Board of Examiners is composed of more than 150 experts in business, education, healthcare, and government who assess applicants on seven criteria; at a recent banquet in Nashville, TNCPE President Marie B. Williams assisted in presenting awards in three of four categories: Quality Interest, Commitment, and Achievement; and

WHEREAS, TTU's School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education is an outreach and service unit of the University that provides credit and non-credit courses, campus evening and weekend courses, distance learning offerings, special courses and events, service activities, and interdisciplinary degrees; and

WHEREAS, in making the presentations, President Williams said, "Excellence implies more than competence - it implies a striving for the highest possible standards. The award winners represent the best and have done a great service by setting high standards for others to follow."; and

WHEREAS, the award was accepted by TTU president Bob Bell and School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education Dean Susan Elkins; President Bell said, "I am proud that a school whose mission is always evolving to meet the diverse needs of its audiences has been recognized for the excellence shown in fulfilling its goals."; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with the sentiments expressed by President Bell; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education of Tennessee Technological University upon winning the TNCPE's Commitment Award, thank the administrators, faculty, and staff of the School and the University for their commitment to excellence, and offer our best wishes to both TTU and its constituent schools and departments for every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.